

## Message Text

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AMEMBASSY KUWAIT KUWAIT  
AMEMBASSY MUSCAT OMAN  
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN IRAN  
USDOC WASHDC

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AID FOR SER/CFS

ATHENS FOR RTDO

ABU DHABI PLEASE PASS DUBAI

DEPT PASS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAID, SENV, TECH, XF

SUBJECT: PROPOSED TECHNICAL MISSION SERVICES ON ENVIRONMENTAL  
CONTROL

REF: STATE 85971 (NOTAL)

1. WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE QUICK AND SERIOUS EXCEPTION TO REFTL  
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PROPOSAL THAT IRAN NOT BE INCLUDED IN TECHNICAL MISSION/SEMINAR  
ON POLLUTION IN GULF. WE DO NOT KNOW HOW OVERRIDING THE  
"TECHNICAL AND POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS" REFERED TO NIGHT BE,  
BUT FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE WE ARE SURE THAT THE CREDIBILITY OF  
OUR INTEREST WOULD BE THROWN INTO QUESTION IF ONE OF THE TWO  
MAJOR LITTORALS OF THE PERSIAN GULF WERE EXCLUDED FROM PARTICI-  
PATION IN USG-ORGANIZED.

2. IRAN HAS ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN ALL STAGES OF PRELIMINARY MEETINGS OF UNEP-SPONSORED DECLARATION ON GULF (SEE MANAMA 709 AND 617), AND IT IS VIEWED BY POLLUTION PROFESSIONALS IN UNEP AS CRUCIAL TO ULTIMATE SUCCESS OF ATTEMPT TO "SAVE GULF" (MANAMA 709). FURTHER, ON POLITICAL GROUNDS, IT IS INTERESTING THAT POLLUTION IS ONE OF THE FEW SUBJECTS ON WHICH IRAN AND THE ARAB STATES OF THE GULF SEEM TO BE IN AGREEMENT AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, IN ACTIVE COOPERATION. THE LEVEL OF INTEREST IN MARINE POLLUTION IN GOVT OF IRAN IS JUDGED "QUITE HIGH" BY EMBASSY TEHRAN (SEE TEHRAN 2733).

3. IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE -- INDEED, INAPPROPRIATE -- IF IRAN WERE NOT INVITED TO USG-SPONSORED PROGRAM WHICH WOULD BE LINKED WITH PLANNED OCTOBER MINISTERIAL MEETING IN KUWAIT, IN WHICH IRAN WILL TAKE LEADING ROLE.

4. WE AGREE WITH JUDGMENT THAT MISSION/SEMINAR CANNOT NOW BE EFFECTIVELY PROGRAMMED FOR JUNE MEETING IN BAHRAIN. AT SAME TIME, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE USEFUL FOR EPA PROFESSIONAL TO VISIT BAHRAIN DURING JUNE MEETING IN ORDER TO MEET DELEGATES AND ASSESS THEIR PROFESSIONAL COMMITMENT AND UNDERSTANDING OF POLLUTION MATTERS AS WELL AS DISTRIBUTE PROFESSIONAL LITERATURE. THIS KIND OF ASSESSMENT WOULD BE USEFUL IN PLANNING OF FALL SEMINAR AND IS THE KIND OF JUDGMENT EMBASSY OFFICERS NOT FULLY QUALIFIED TO MAKE. EMBASSY MANAMA WOULD DO ITS BEST TO BACKSTOP EPA REPRESENTATIVE BUT WE HAVE OTHER, PRIOR COMMITMENTS DURING PART OF THE PROPOSED MEETING TIMEFRAME (SEE MANAMA 709).

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5. THIS EMBASSY MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH AID REGIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ATTACHE DODSON.  
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